

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 2 Week 1

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Welcome back to everyone for Term Two and we are over two thirds of the way through April already. Tomorrow is one of the most important days of the year. It is the day when we remember and recognise the huge number of young men and women who gave their lives so that we could live in the great country that we live in today.

My wife's grandfather served in the trenches of Northern France and Belgium in World War One; he had his twenty first birthday the day before the second battle of the Somme—the 15th September 1916.

As the story goes he was given a 24 hour pass to celebrate his birthday with some friends. As they were just arriving at the nearest French village they were accosted by a group of Military Police who told them that all leave was rescinded and that he, Charles Matthews, was to pack and leave immediately to train in the use of the trench mortar.

The next morning at 6.15am the Otago Battalion went 'over the top' and walked slowly, as they were ordered to do, towards the German trenches. The Commanding General of the British Army Field Marshall Lord Haig's plan had seen the German trenches bombarded by heavy artillery and poisonous gas for a week and he believed the Germans would all be either dead or terrified and surrender.

The reality was a disaster. It was the single worst day in British and New Zealand history with (over two battles of the Somme) 1.2 million casualties—many of them killed.

Many of his friends were killed and how he survived the affect of living through the 'Great War' had a huge effect on his life. He refused to talk with his family about the war, until one day when I met him, he was a man in his nineties at this stage, we began to talk of the Taieri area and he started to tell me about his military training in the Silverstream area and a surprise visit by Lord Kitchener. Then he just kept talking about his war experiences. I noticed that whereas before it was just the two of us in the conversation now the whole room—all of his children and grandchildren had stopped talking and were listening. After that he would discuss his memories right up to his death at the age of 102. But the saddest thing was when he showed pictures of groups he belonged to after the war—he was always the only one of his generation; the rest were all older or younger. You see his generation were all either dead or wounded. So tomorrow please remember the sacrifice that these young people made.

Have a great week
Mike Brosnahan.

Easter Liturgy



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Dates for 2012

Wednesday 25th ANZAC Day—school closed
May
Wednesday 2nd BOT Meeting 7.30pm
Golf lessons start
Thursday 3rd Parent meeting for
Confirmation 7pm Parish Centre.
Friday 4th Assembly Rm 5/3, 2.20pm
Wednesday 9th Golf lessons continue
Friday 18th Assembly Rm 4/6, 2.20pm
Friday 25th Reports go home
Wednesday and Thursday 30th & 31st
-Interviews

A thought for the week...

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow between the grasses
row on row,
That mark over place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing,
Fly scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead short days ago we lived we felt dawn, saw
sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie in
Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw.
The torch be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep,
though poppies grow, In Flanders Fields.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae (1872-1918)
Canadian Army

Mass Sunday 29th April 9am

**Any children able to help lead the singing at
Mass this Sunday please see Mrs Dillon.**

Smart Foods

**Hot Lunches available on Wednesdays
All \$4.50 each.**

Macaroni Cheese, Spaghetti Bolognese, Shep-
herds Pie, Mince Chow Mein.

Please place the correct money in an envelope
with your children's name and order on it.
Note—No change is given as the orders are
faxed through.

Fundraising for School Camp

Jaylah & Sinead are making Hair Scrunchies,
\$3 each or 4 for \$10.
Order forms available at the school office.

PTA News

Term 2 Fundraiser—Cheese Rolls!

The last time we made and sold cheese rolls
was in 2007 and as a community we raised
\$2200!

This Term the PTA is hoping with your support
we will raise even more through the selling of
cheese rolls. These are great to have with
soup for an easy winter lunch!

Please ask family, friends and work mates if
they wish to place an order. Orders forms will
go home today with the children, and one will
be sent by email as well.

The date for making these is **18th & 19th of
May**, we will be needing lots of help to make
the cheese roll orders.

**Entertainment Books—This year is looking like
our best selling year yet!**

**Can you please get your orders in this week, or
send back the book if you don't want to buy
one, thanks.**

School Fair—The date is been set for **Sunday
28th October 2012**. Mark it on your calendar.

The next PTA meeting is **Tuesday 1st May**—in the
staffroom at 7.30pm—all welcome.

Easter Raffle Results

Congratulations to Catherine Illingworth 1st, Mary
2nd, and Ben Powell 3rd.

Mass Sunday 29th April 9am

Any children able to help lead the singing at Mass
this Sunday please see Mrs Dillon.

Future Ferns Netball

The Future Ferns Netball will start on 5th May.
Junior Netball starts with grading games this
weekend.

The website for information/draws etc is
www.taierinetball.co.nz

Future Ferns—Green Team—change of day for
practice to Friday lunch time—Coach Kate
Grindley.

Altar Servers Sunday 29th April

Lewis Middleton, & Paige O'Brien

Easter Liturgy



e-learning snapshot!

From today I am starting an e-learning snapshot section in the newsletter. Each week I will share some sites or suggestions for getting involved in your learner's online world. Today's focus is maths support. A number of classes are now signed up for xtramath and the results are amazing for those who practice their basic facts daily online. You can visit the site with your learner at <https://www.xtramath.org/>

Today we are featuring Josh and Mason from Room 6 who have completed all banks of +, -, x and ÷ and have scored 100% on 100 basic facts in under 3seconds. Congratulations to you both.

Another site is <http://www.studyladder.co.nz/> where your learner can complete tasks set by teachers or explore and learn independently.

Both of these sites really support regular practice, give instant feedback and are FUN.

<http://basicfacts.wikispaces.com/home> is a wiki that is full of maths links for your learner to practice on also.

Next week we will look at our class blogs and explore ways you can increase your involvement.

Anne Kenneally



ANZAC Day Activities See the next page for Room 6 stories



Today we went to the R.S.A for a tour. When we got there a man called Bing was standing at the door ready to start the tour. First we looked at all the weapons and a map of Gallipoli. Then he led us over to all the people who were in the war. He said that most of them died. There were a lot of people on the wall. Then my Nana came over to say hello. Then Nana gave us all a piece of rosemary. It smells really nice.

After that we got to read a poem on the wall. We went into a room and looked at the war hats and lots of pictures. My Nana said that there was a picture of my Grandad on the wall and she showed me where it was. Bing took it down for me and my Nana and I got a picture together. Today was a good day and there was lots of learning.

-Laura

Today I learnt how to make ANZAC biscuits that they ate a lot in the war because they last a long time. I also learnt about the trenches they had to live in. Imagine having to live in a hole you dug. How horrible! Yesterday we learnt about the young man, Simpson, who went to war as one of those people who carried the dead or injured to the nurses. Simpson kept on doing his duty even when he was in grave danger. In the end Simpson got shot. Now people from Australia and New Zealand go and visit his grave. Today we also went to the RSA who have lots of ANZAC helmets and medals and ANZAC memorabilia. We also talked to people that were either on the war or know lots about it. We asked lots of questions and they were happy to give us answers to our questions.

-Mia

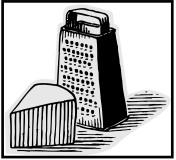
Today we went to the RSA. We went there to look at all of the medals, ammunition, model war ships and tin helmets. We meet Mr Currie who served in the war. He is 92. He was a soldier. We looked at some photos of other people who served in the war. I found some of Callum's relatives. We had a person who greeted us at the door. He showed us around. The person who greeted us was Bing. Elvia told us some stories about the war.

-Sam

On the 24th of April our class walked down to the R.S.A and made Anzac biscuits for the elderly. We took photos of people that were in the war and people that had died in the war with their medals. We also took photos of the medals that some of the soldiers were given. We learnt that the men in the war had to wear hard hats that were made out of metal. There was also a poem about the soldiers that had died in Flanders field. The poem that they wrote was for the men that died in the war and now are in Flanders field. They wore metal armor that protected there bodies. I wonder what it would be like to kill somebody. The soldiers slept in trenches night by night and were very uncomfortable. Later on a lady gave some Rosemary to every one in our class. The Rosemary smelt like rose petals. Some people took photos of other people wearing a metal hat. Some of the medals that were up on the wall belonged to some of the old people that were at the R.S.A but didn't really like to tell us about them. A man told us how the war started and how it finished it was very interesting. Some of the people found there great grandfathers picture up on the wall. I wonder what it would feel like to be in the war and to kill people. I think it would be horrible! There was also a sign that said "At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them". The saying reminded me of my grandad. I can't wait to go again.

-Anahera

Check out the rest of our stories in our class blog... <http://stmarys-room6.blogspot.co.nz/>



1-Bag Cheese Rolls \$6.00 or
3- Bags for \$15.00! -12 Cheese Rolls per bag.
(only 41c each!)- money with orders please

Taieri Plains Junior Netball Players' Newsletter 2012

Welcome to the 2012 netball season. This year we have 42 junior netball teams (years 5-8) and ... Future Ferns teams (years 3-4), with a total of around 610 children playing this season.

Future Ferns Netball

Games will be played at 12:30pm and 1:10pm. The matches are 16 minutes each way with a two minute break at half time. Future Ferns games start on the 5th May.

Junior Netball

The matches are 10 minute quarters, with 1 minute for quarter breaks and 3 minutes for half time.

Section 1 game times will be staggered across the rounds and will have named umpires.

Section 2-6 game times will start at 9am through to 11:55am.

April 28th and May 5th are grading rounds where two shorter games will be played between 9am and 1pm. Competition games will start May 12th.

We have a website and all draws, results and other information is available here:

www.taierinetball.co.nz

Games will be played every Saturday except for Queen's Birthday weekend on June 2nd and the middle weekends of the July school holidays.

Cancellations will be posted on the website and text to your school's netball co-ordinator. We will also advise radio stations 89.4fm and 97.4fm.

Please note: If games are cancelled due to bad weather, Section 1 matches will still be played, indoors at the time listed on the draw.

Some policies you need to be aware of:

Jewellery: Players will not be allowed on the court wearing any type of jewellery. This means you cannot tape over pierced ears and play.

Nails must be clipped short so that they cannot be seen above the finger when looking from your palm.

Parking: There is no off-road parking available at the netball courts. The school car park is to warm-up teams. Please don't park in front of the Fire Station!

Animals: No animals are permitted on Taieri College Grounds

Smoking: No smoking is permitted on Taieri College Grounds

Future Ferns Netball: Players must be rotated around every two weeks so they try different positions during the season so they get to experience playing all positions by the end of the season.

Injury time: We do not add on extra time for any injury breaks. Wherever practical an injured player is to be removed from the court and play is to resume immediately. Games will finish with the bell. Except for section 1, there is injury time of 2 mins per quarter.

Uniforms: All players are expected to wear their team's uniform. If you want to wear an additional long sleeved top on colder days, please wear one the same colour as and underneath your normal playing top.

Behaviour

Only positive comments are to be made.

Anyone making disparaging comments towards any person including players, umpires, officials or other spectators will be asked to leave.

DUTY WEEK:

Each school will be on duty at least one Saturday during the season. Your school will be notified a week in advance and we ask you to help out with your school's duty. This includes manning the desk, ringing the bell, changing over poles and putting out equipment, etc.

Have a great netball season, and remember to support the Taieri College Senior Girls BBQ!